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## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Application )

Applicants: Kobayashi et al. )

Serial No.: 09/187,700 )

Conf. No.: 3400 )

Filed: November 6, 1998 )

For: STORAGE MEDIUM AND )  
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Art Unit: 2132 )

Examiner: Meislahn, Douglas J. )

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July 19, 2004

Date

*[Signature]*  
 Attorney for Applicant(s)  
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**AMENDMENT G**

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 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004, and pursuant to the telephone interview conducted March 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

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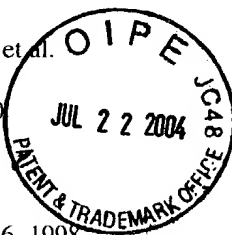
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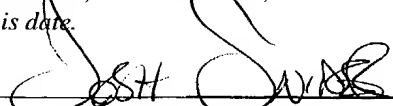
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	27	20	7	x \$18.00	= \$ 126.00
Independent Claims	13	5	8	x \$84.00	= \$ 672.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims				\$280.00	= \$
Total Additional Fee					\$ 798.00
Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)					\$

(X) Amendment G (with a check for \$798.00 for additional claims).

(X) Petition for Extension of Time (with a check for \$110.00).

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Customer No. 24978

July 19, 2004

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Respectfully submitted,

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